



Orders

Appointed to be executed in
the Cittie of London, for setting roges
and idle persons to worke, and for
releefe of the poore.

Prouerbes, 16.

He that hath pittie vpon the poore, lendeth vnto the
Lord: and looke what hee layeth out, it shall bee
payd him againe.

Pfalme. 61.

Blessed is the man that prouideth for the sicke and
needy: the Lorde shall deliuer him in the time of
trouble.

At London

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golden Tunne.*







Or releefe of the poore, and

of setting to worke of vagaraunt people,
there are to be set vp in Bridwell certaine
artes, occupations, woꝝkes and labours.

2 There are to be prouided stocke & tooles for those
woꝝkes. There is to be prouided bedding, apparrell, and
dyet for those pooꝛe to be set to woꝝke.

3 When order shalbe taken and sufficient prouision had
for the furniture of the woꝝkes, Proclamation shal bee
made throughout the Cittie, that all vagarants which are
come out of other places, where by the law they ought to
be prouided for, shall depart the Cittie and the lyberties
thereof, to the places of their byrth or last abode according
to the Law, vpon the paines thereof due.

4 Within conuenient time after the day limitted by such
Proclamation a generall search shalbe made, and lyke-
wise new generall searches from time to time as shalbe
requisite, throughout the Cittie and the liberties therof at
one instant, & all the vagarants that shall be there founde
shalbe brought to Bridewell to be examined.

5 Such of them as be not diseased, and the Cittie not to
be charged with them by lawe, shalbe dealt with accord-
ing to the lawe.

6 Such of the saide vagarants as shalbe found diseased
and to be curable, to the number that the Hospitals shalbe
able to receiue, shalbe sent to the Hospitalles to be cured:
and being cured shalbe sent to Bridewell againe there to
be examined and vsed as is aforesayd.

7 In this respect order is to be taken with the Hospi-
talles of S. Bartholmew and S. Thomas, that such as
shalbe sent to them from Bridewell by warrant of foure
gouernours at the least vnder their handes to bee subscri-
bed at a Courte or assembly of them together, may be re-

reieued at all tymes of the weeke and not deferred untill theyr Court dayes. And that they spare the taking in of other, for the time, if neede so require.

8 Those whom the Cittie by law is charged to prouide for and are able to worke, shalbe receiued into Bridewell, and there kept with thin diet, onely sufficing to sustaine them in health, and shalbe set to worke in such of the workes labours and occupations as they shall be found fittest for.

9 If any such shall loyter and wyll not doo such laboꝝ as in reason they ought and as is doone by other of like capacitie and strength, they shall be punished in Bridewell as is vsed by the discretion of the Governours.

10 If any of them shall run away oꝝ escape from Bridewell, and be taken againe vagarant within the liberties of this Cittie, he shalbe committed to the gaole as a Koge in the first degre, and neuerthelesse after execution doone vpon him by boaring his eare, he shall againe bee sent to Bridewell to worke as befoze, if none other will at the Sessions receiue him according to Lawe.

11 Likewise escapng and being eftsoones taken againe vagarant, he shalbe vsed as a felon according to Lawe.

12 If any such vagarants shalbe found skilfull in any occupation wherby any Cittizen oꝝ other vsing such occupation wilbe contented to receiue them into seruice, oꝝ that any Cittizen oꝝ any other wilbe content to take any of them Appzentise oꝝ to seruice either in London oꝝ in the countrey, the gouernours of Bridewell shall doo their indeuor so to bestowe them. Prouided alway that if after such bestowing, any of them shalbe found vagarant, hee shalbe vsed as one escapng out of Bridewell as is aforesayd.

13 Such of them as belonging by law to the charge of the Citie haue yong chldzen vpon their hands, and vpon examination none shalbe found which by law ought to finde them,

them, the same childzen shalbe sent to Christs Hospitall by such order and maner as hath beene accustomed so far as the house shalbe able to maintaine them. And the reste to be maintained at the charge of the parish according to law.

14. Such of them as are aged lame and impotent and not to be cured nor able to laboꝝ, shalbe provided foꝝ in the Parishes where they dwell by some good order there to be taken.

15 If any being so provided foꝝ shalbe found begging in the Streetes they shalbe punished in Bridwell by order of the governours foꝝ the first time. And foꝝ the second tyme, and the third time they shalbe used as Roges in the first and second degrees according to Lawe.

16 Such Parishes as haue moe poore then they are able to releue shall have ayde of the money to be leuied foꝝ this cause.

17 If any Carrier oꝝ other shall by lande oꝝ water bring to this Cittie oꝝ neere to the same any childzen oꝝ other and leaue them vnplaced oꝝ not sufficiently provided foꝝ : such Carrier oꝝ bringer shalbe punished by imprisonment, oꝝ otherwise as sharply as law wil permit, and also shall be bound to conuey such back againe to the places whence they came oꝝ where they ought to be provided foꝝ according to law. Warning to be giuen by Proclamation of the contents of this and the next Article.

18 Euery Inkeeper oꝝ such other person in this Cittie oꝝ neere to the same, which shall wittingly receiue oꝝ keepe any such child oꝝ other so brought and not sufficiently provided foꝝ, shall be charged to keepe and provide foꝝ such child oꝝ other so brought, oꝝ els be bound to discharge the Cittie of them, oꝝ to conuey them backe agayne from whence they came. And if he refuse so to doo, then hee shall be punished as is abovesayd of the Carrier or bringer.

19 That Proclamation be made that euery Cittizen shal
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haue charge on paine of iii. s. iiii. d. and euery other person
shalbe required, to bryng o2 cause to bee brough to the
Constable o2 his Deputie o2 to the Bedle of the Warde
o2 other Bedle euery such vagarant as shall beg of them
in the Parish where such citizens o2 other doo dwell: that
such vagarant may by such Constable o2 his deputie o2
by the Bedle be sent to Bridewell to be examined and v-
sed as is aboue sayd.

20 The Constables, Surueyours of Parishes, Bedles of
Wardes and other Bedles shall haue charge to appzehende
all such vagarantes as they shall finde, and to bryng o2
send them to Bridewell as is aforesayd, on payne of vi. s.
viii. d. to be paid by euery such Constable o2 his deputy, and
iii. s. iiii. d. by euery such Surueyor o2 Bedle in whom the
fault shalbe found, and the same to be leuied by distresse,
and to be imployed to the use of the pooze in Bridewell.

21 And also that the Constables, Deputies, and bedles,
on like payne, shall conuey to Bridewell, such as shall be
brought to them as is afoze sayd.

22 The Constable in euery watch shalbe charged uppon
like payne of vi. s. viii. d. to appzehend all such vagarants
and Rogish persons as they shall find by night, and shall
send o2 conuey them to the Counter o2 Cage, and so to
Bridewell the next day. And the Porter o2 Officers of
Bridewell shall pzeently receyue them wythout any
further attendaunce of such as shall bryng them.

23 The gouernours of Bridewell shall appoint some
meete persons to follow the causes at euery Sessions a-
gainst such as shalbe committed to pryson as is afozesaid.

24 For auoyding the retorne of idle vagarants, and for
better refozmation of the idle youth and vnthrifftie pooze
in this Citie and for further execution of the premisses, e-
uery Alderman o2 his Deputie in his ward assisted wyth
a sufficient steward shall keepe his Court of Wardmote
once in euery month for the first yeare now ensuing, and
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in other yeeres once in euery three monethes, on payne to euery Alderman for his default or of his sufficient Deputie for him in not keeping the sayd Court rls. to the like vse of the pooze. And all the inhabitants shall there appeare or be amerced for their defaultes, and out of the saide ameracements and profites of Court the Steward shall be rewarded with reasonable fee by the discretion of the Alderman, and the rest shall be to the sayd vse of the pooze.

25 By the Inquest shall be there enquired, if idle persons, rogues, vagabunds, and other suspect persons which lyue disorderly or suspiciously or spend their times at Bowling allies, playes, and other places unthriftilly: & whether the meane officers doo their dueties, and all other matters, as in the charge of leetes: and that speedy proceffe be vsed according to the law for the reformation without delay.

26 Order to bee there taken for the Wardes to haue cages and stocks, according to the Lawes of this Cittie, and for the renewing of searches for vagarants and such other persons from time to time as shall be requisite.

27 In euery Parish by the Person or the Curate and Churchwardens with the Constable & the Collectors for the pooze, and five other of the chiefe of the inhabitants at the least, a vestry to be holden in the weeke before the assemble of euery such wardmote, to enquire and vnderstand of all idle persons, vagaboundes, rogues, disorderd maisters of houses, disorderd Children of the pooze, disorderd Alehouses, and such like, absences from Church, and other misdemeaners in their Parrish: and that such as they finde, be presented at the next wardmote.

28 In euery parrish a general suruey to be made, by the Constable, Churchwardens, Collectors for the pooze, and vi. other of the Parrishners of all their pooze and needye neighbors of the Parrish viz. of euery house particularly, the names of the dwellers, the children and seruantes,

the seve and age of euery one, and which be able to labour and whereupon, and who be viterly impotent to any labour.

29 No pension no2 other releefe to be giuen to any which are idle, being able to labo2. And such as will labour and haue not no2 can p2ouide to set themselves to wo2ke, making their mone to the Churchwardens o2 Collecto2s fo2 the poo2e, may by a Bill to be signed with the hands of the sayd Churchwardens o2 Collecto2s, o2 any two of them and three other parishoners, haue wo2k appoynted o2 deliuered them at B2idewell, o2 els where.

30 None of the poo2e, o2 their children be suffered to begg o2 wander in the streeetes, but be exercised vpon meete labo2 toward the getting of their living in honest so2t.

31 In euery parrish all the poo2e houses shall be at conuenient times visited, daily if it may be, by some one o2 moe to be appoynted at the vestry to see how they apply theyr wo2k, and the defaults to be certified euery sunday to the Churchwardens, and by them to be noted in a book against the next vestry.

32 Such youth, and other as are able to labour and may haue wo2ke & shal be found idle shall haue some maner of correction by the parents, o2 otherwise as shalbe thought good in the parish. And if they wyll not amend they shalbe sent to B2idewell to be reasonably corrected there.

33 Such as be impotent and releued by pensions & can do somewhat, shalbe occupied in so much as they can doo: and the sicke shalbe visited and releued of the common bo2e fo2 the poo2e in their Parrish during onely their sicknes, and afterward shall apply theyr labo2 againe.

34 Humble sute to be made to the Lord Mayo2 and hys bzethren that vpon presentments in the court of Wardmote due execution and refo2mation be had.

35 Fo2 better execution & red2esse to be had of thinges to be p2esented by the Inquest of Wardmote, the presentments

ments shalbe deliuerd to the Alderman of the ward, and by him or his deputy shalbe speedely redressed and executed such thinges so represented as be within his power by law and the orders of this Citty to execute.

36 Such thinges as be not in the power of the Alderman or his deputy, but in the power of the house of Bridewel by vertue of their charter shalbe deliuered to the gouernours of Bridewel to be by them executed and reformed so far as they may according to the law.

37 Such things as be not in the power of the Alderman or his deputie, nor in the power of the house of Bridewel, but do require the authority of the Lord Maior or of the court of Aldermen or of any Iustices of peace, shal be deliuered over to the Lord Maior or to such iustices as shalbe requisite, that the same may be lawfully and duly redressed.

38 To euery art, science, or labor in Bridewel be appointed two of the gouernours of Bridewel to ouersee the same, who shal haue care to the doing therof as they may answer that charge in credite and conscience.

39 Foure gouerners of that house shall attend two hours at the least in euery day for examination & direction of such as shalbe brought thether after the first search & for expedition of other things requisite.

40 The tresorer with some of the gouernours of Bridewel shalbe appointed for the prouiding of corne, bread, victuall apparel and necessities for the poore, and to ouersee their lodgings and such other things as be needefull.

41 Of such companies of this Citty as wel the worshipfull as the inferiour as the gouernours of Bridewel shall find to be requisite according to the qualitie of the artes or labours that are to be ouerseene, there shalbe appointed persons to attend, so as there may be euery day two

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attending at Bridewell to ouersée the woꝝkes, and to giue knowledge of the defaults which they shal find, to the gouernours, on paine of xx. shillings to be payed by the wardens if they appoynt not, being therunto required by the space of a weeke befoze, & on paines of vi. shillings viii. pence to be paid by euery of the parties appointed, if he attend not being warned thre daies befoze at the least, the sayd paines to be to the vse of the poore in Bridewell and to be leuied by distresse.

42 Where in the Sauoy are lodged nightly great numbers of idle wicked persons, cutpurses, couliners, and such other theeuers, & there in the night are hidden from officers and in the day do vse their rogish life, so that the same place honozably ordeined is by such abuse made a noursery of roges theeuers idle and dzonken persons: foꝝ remedy therof, request to be made to the maister of that house, that speciall persons be appoynted to examine such as shal come to lodge in the Sauoy that such be lodged there as be of honest fame, poore men comming bp foꝝ their lutes oꝝ causes, oꝝ such as are knowen & can gyue accompt of their labour in the day time, and no other: & if any such lewde roges be founde there, the officers of the Sauoy oꝝ the Iustices to whom it may appertaine may send them to such place as they ought to be sent by lawe.

43 Like order shalbe had foꝝ refoꝝmation of the lyke abuse in S. Thomas hospital. And foꝝ better execution therof two oꝝ moe of the gouernoꝝs of Bridewell may from time to time as often as shalbe thought needefull goe into S. Thomas hospital with assistaunce oꝝ consent of some of the gouernoꝝs there, to serch what people shalbe there lodged, and such as they shal there finde vagarants and able to laboꝝ shalbe committed to Bridewell to be examined as is afoꝝesayd.

44 Foꝝ refoꝝmation of excessive number & disorder of alehouses, tipling houses, cellers, and such like which bee
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the maintainers & receiuers of wicked persons and be
the occasion of much theft pilfering and incontinent life
and the increase of harlots and consequently of Bastards
and diseases to the great charge of the Citty: a view be
had of all alehouses, cookes houses, tipling houses, cel-
lers, and suchlike in euery parish by such as haue thereof
authority, & that the numbers of them be abridged to a
reasonable proportion for the Ward or Parish, and in
places conuenient, as shalbe thought meete, & certified
by the Alderman of the Warde, and no other to bee
allowed.

45 That al be put downe and disallowed, but only such as be of good fame, and knowne enemies to wicked life and so certified by the Alderman of the Ward, and that such as be once detected and found faultie of euill rule, shall neuer be allowed againe.

46 No lodging, gaming, or visiting be suffered in any
celler.

47 Bondes shalbe taken with suerties for obseruing the said orders by vitalers, and the bondes and forsaitures therof shalbe made and employed to the vse of the poore in brixetwell.

48 Where many Landlozds and farmers of Allies, oz
of great houses conuerted into smal habitations, do kepe
victaling houses, and houses, shoppes, oz cellers for utte-
ring of Drinke vittaile and other chaffer to the inha-
bitantes of those allies oz small habitations, all such
shalbe vtterly disallowed & forbidden to be vsed of such
Landlozds oz farmes oz by any other by their meanes
oz within such Allies oz houses.

49 Such as are aboue limited to be punished by whipping, shalbe so punished by the discretion of the gouernours of bvidewel, wherof at least there shalbe such numbers of Iustices as in such case is required by the statutes

without tarying for any delay of sessions at the Guild-
hal, which to the Gouvernours should be troublesome &
to the house very chargeable, and consequently hurtfull
to the release of the pooze.

**Artes, Occupations, Labors, and
Works, to be set up in Bridewell.**

The worke in the Milles.	Knitting of hose.
The worke in the Ligh- ter & unloading of Sand.	Spinning of Linnen yarne.
The carrying of sand.	Spinning of Candell weeke.
Making of shooes.	Making of Packthreed.
Thicking of Cappes by hand and foote.	Drawing of wier.
Making of woll Cardes.	Making of Pinnes.
Making of Nayles.	Making of Pointer.
Making of gloues.	Making of Knives.
Making of Combes.	Making of Tennise- balles.
Making of Inkle and tape.	Making of Bayes.
Making of filke Lace,	Making of Feltes.
Making of Apparrell for the house.	Picking of woll for Felts.
Spining of wollen grene.	Or any other that may fall in practise.

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It is to be ordered, to the in-
tent that the house of Bridewell be not o-
uerpestered, but may be able to receaue
such as shall neede, and that such as shal-
be brought thether be brought for theyr
reformation and not for perpetuall seruitude, that the
gouvernours shall doo their indeuours to bestow as ma-
ny of the youth as shalbe put to laboz there, in seruice
either as appzrentises or otherwise with citizens or any
other that wilbe content to receiue them. And speciallie
that owners and Maisters of Shippes be intreated to re-
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ceiue such in their seruice.

51 To auoid the perill that the setting a worke of vagrants in the said Artes at Bridewell might be to the ouerthrow of the worke and to the vndoing of poore citizens householders, and their families that liue by working in the same arts for other, or by retaling of things wrought: Therfore the gouernours of Bridewell shall consult with the Wardens and discrete men of those companies that vse the working or selling of such things as shalbe wrought in Bridewel, as shoemakers and other, that the said companies and their householders shal deliuer their worke to such number in Bridewel as they may with the benefit of their company, and shal pay for the same at reasonable rates to their profit.

52 Also a note shall be kept in Bridewell of places and persons where and of whome worke may be had, that poore in parishes sent thether to require worke may be the better releued.

53 A view to be had of the cordwainers and other artificers what forrens are set on work contrary to the lawes of this Citty, & how many of them by their birth or by their continuance the space of three yeeres do belong to the burden & charg of this citty, that order may be taken for them & for auoiding the increase of them hereafter but in case of necessity, and also with bonds of such as shal retaine them that they shal neuer be burdenous to the Citty as vagarants or persons vnprovided for.

54 For the better reliefe of the poore, the leather that shalbe founde faulty in this Citty and seised as forfeited, shall neuer for any price come to the vse of the searchers, or sealers of leather, but shall wholly be to Christs hospital, & Bridewell, to be there made into shoes for the poore, by the poore that shall worke there: and the searchers shall haue their portion in money according to the praisement.

55 Provision is to be made for apparell, bedding, and meate for the sayd poore, for tooles, and for stocke and stufte for the occupations, for making of Milles, and buying of Lighters, for fees and wages of Bedelles and other necessary poore attendauntes: and therfore a competent & sufficient portion of money is to be had, which by an estimate for one yere accompting for ii, C. persons amounteth about ii, M, l.

56 That the act of common Counsell for Lime and for spending of sand and grauell to be taken out of Thames be seuerely put in execution, which the body of the Citty do humbly pray the Lord Maior and his brethren earnestly to do, and to bind, and punish with all straightnes the offenders to the contrary, and especially such workemen as in deceiuing of builders do flander the said sand, which by good triall in the buildings of noble men, and of sundry good Citizens, and other, and specially by a trial late made in the presence of the wardens of the sayd workemen, is found and confessed as good for the worke and as profitable to the builder as any other sand.

57 For the provision of the sayd stock to the accomplishing of the said good works, there may be graunted by the body of this Citty too fiftenes to be assessed & leuied in vsuall manner, wherof the one to be paid as speedily as may be, the other at the end of vi. monethes.

58 Hereunto be added the taxations of all forens inhabiting within the liberties of this Citty to be assessed according to the statute lately made for erecting of houses, for setting the poore on worke, or els to be contributary in the sayd fiftenes by the rate of their houses.

59. Where the other Hospitalles both for the poore children, & for the diseased are likely at the first to haue here by some increase of charge, & where also some parishes are to be charged with their impotent poore, which are
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not able nor fitte to worke in Bzidewell: Therfoze the Lord Mayor & such as be thereunto authozised by the statutes wil sit againe and peruse the bookes of taxati-
ons for the pooze, that by the assessing of such as become
in place since the last assesment & were not assessed be-
foze, and by auaucing such as God hath further blessed
with hability, and with reasonable consideration of such
as be lesse able, the booke may be renewed and made as
beneficiall, as reasonably may be for the pooze.

60 That a consideration be had of the pensionaries out
of the hospitall in euery Parish, that none be allowed
without neede, nor to such as haue pensions otherwise,
wherby such as truely haue neede may be the better re-
lieued.

61 For helpe of the hospitals & Parishes in this charge
all churchwardens & collectors for the pooze be strayght-
ly charged to execute the lawe against such as come not
to church, against al persons without exception, and spe-
cially against such as while they ought to be at diuine
seruice, doo spend their time and their money lewdly in
haunting of plaies, and other idle and wycked pastimes
and exercises.

62 For as much as the playing of Enterludes, & the re-
sort to the same are very daungerous for the infection of
the plague, whereby infinite burdens and losses to the
Citty may increase, and are very hurtfull in corruption
of youth with incontinence & lewdnes, and also great
wasting both of the time and thrift of many pooze people
and great prouoking of the wrath of God the ground of
all plagues, great withdrawing of the people from pub-
lique prayer & from the seruice of God:, and daily cryed
out against by the graue and earnest admonitions of the
preachers of the word of God: Therefore be it ordered
that all such Enterludes in publique places, and the re-
sort to the same shall wholly be prohibited as vngodly,
and humble sute be made to the Lords that lyke prohi-
bition be in places nere vnto the Cittle.

63 The forfeitures of al such as be bound not to place in their allies & small habitations any such as shalbe burdensome to the Citty, be severally leuied & employed to the reliefe of the pooze in the said Hospitals and parishes, and that the Lord Maior and Aldermen will not remit any part thereof nor stay any sute or execution upon any of the said bondes without consent of the common counsell.

64 New bonds be taken to like effect and for auoyding of Inmates of all such as be not yet bounde or whose bondes shall cease by the execution of them.

65 The Lord maior and aldermen by the request of the gouernours of Bridewell appoynt some speciall officers or persons to enquire of goods forzen bought & solde wherby Citizens shold otherwise lose the benefit of their trades and become unable to relieue the pooze, and part of the forfeitures so to be found may be to the reliefe of the pooze.

66 That the preachers be moued at the sermons at the Crosse & other conuenient times specially in the terme time, & that other good notorious meanes be vsed, to require both Citizens, Artificers, and other, and also all farmers and other for husbandry, and gentlemen and other for their kitchens & other seruices, to take seruants and children both out of Bridewell & Christs Hospitall at their pleasures, with declaration what a charitable deed it shalbe not onely for the reliefe of those whom they shall so take into seruice but also of multitudes of other that shall from time to time be taken into the hospitals in their places, and so be preserved from perishing, with offer also that they shall haue them conueniently apparelled & bound with them for any competent number of yeeres, with further declaration that many of them be of toward qualities in readyness, wytyng, Grammer, and Musike.

